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Anand Narasimhan et al.

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For: **SCALABLE ARCHITECTURE FOR
TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGE
OVER A NETWORK**

Examiner: Thai D. Hoang

Art Group: 2662

STATEMENT RESPONDING TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e) ("Reasons for Allowance"), and is responsive to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Notice of Allowance dated December 17, 2002.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the allowed claims is separately patentable because, when viewed as a whole, each of these claims is not anticipated by or rendered obvious by the prior art. It should be noted in this case that even though the Examiner's statement recites a number of limitations that are then stated to be "as specified in dependent claims 1, 10, and 19", not all of those limitations are recited in claims 10 and 19. For example, claims 10 and 19 do not recite "while polling the queue for pending requests." Nevertheless, claims 10 and 19 are patentable in view of the prior art.

In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the allowability of a claim does not hinge on isolated elements of that claim. Rather, the claims are believed patentable because each claim, when viewed as a whole, defines combinations that are neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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